

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on September 30, 2005.

Claim 21 is amended, claims 123-128, 132-138, 142-144, and 149 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 10-47, 69-77, 79, 87-119, 129-131, 139-141, 145-148, 150-158 are now pending in this application.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to file a further application directed to the subject matter of claims 123-128, 132-138, 142-144, and 149.

Claim 21 is amended to correct what appears to be a typographical error by adding a period to the end of the claim.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 10, 43-47, 69-77, 79, 87-119 and 150-158 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 6-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,883,011. Applicant does not admit that the claims are obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,883,011. However, a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(b)(iv) is enclosed herewith to obviate these rejections.

§101 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 123-128, 132-138, 142-144 and 149 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter, i.e., to an abstract idea which fails to be limited to a practical application in the technological arts. This rejection is now moot as these claims are canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-42, 129-131, 139-141 and 145-148 have been allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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